

EFFECTIVE

May 1, 2023.

Subject(s)***AAM 200, Adoption Assistance Eligibility and Funding Source Determination***

Policy was updated to change the definition of relative to reflect the changes within MCL 712A.13a.

An individual who is at least 18 years of age and related to the child within the fifth degree by blood, marriage, or adoption, including the spouse of an individual related to the child within the fifth degree, even after the marriage has ended by death or divorce, the parent who shares custody of a half-sibling, and the parent of a man whom the court has found probable cause to believe is the putative father if there is no man with legally established rights to the child.

A relative may also be an individual who is at least 18 years of age and not related to a child within the fifth degree by blood, marriage, or adoption but who has a strong positive emotional tie or role in the child's life or the child's parent's life if the child is an infant, as determined by the department or, if the child is an Indian child, as determined solely by the Indian child's tribe. As described under MCL 712A.13a.

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AAM 300, Nonrecurring Adoption Expenses (NRE) Eligibility

Updates include changes to the relative definition as defined by MCL 712A.13a, hyperlink fixes, and grammatical changes.

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Reason: To align with Mich Compiled Law MCL 712A.13a. and Child Welfare Policy and Legislation recommendation.

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